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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUBJECT:** Kikiaola Light Draft Harbor, Kauai, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The project is in Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) phase. The construction contract award is scheduled for May 2005. The Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) was approved in October 2003, which included an updated economic analysis. The processing and execution of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the Federal government and State of Hawaii is pending.

b. Kikiaola Harbor is located along the southwest coast of the island of Kauai between the towns of Kekaha and Waimea. The proposed navigational improvements consist of dredging an entrance and access channels and modifying existing breakwaters at the existing State harbor. These navigation improvements will eliminate dangerous breaking wave conditions within the entrance channel and allow for the safe passage of vessels entering the basin. The recommended plan allows for the full development of the harbor basin to serve the navigation needs of the area.

c. The local sponsor, the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, strongly supports this project and has requested that the State berthing area be dredged in conjunction with the Federal improvements.

d. The estimated total project cost is \$7,500,000 of which \$6,000,000 is the Federal cost and \$1,500,000 is the non-Federal cost. The State berthing area is estimated to cost \$800,000 which will be paid for by the State and is independent of the cost sharing required for the Federal project.

3. Congressional Interest. Senator Daniel Inouye, the Kauai County Council and the boating community on Kauai have shown considerable interest and support for navigation improvements at the existing Kikiaola Harbor.